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COMMERCIAL STUDY GROUP

MSA Update



PROJECT SCOPE

To update the GIIGNL 2011 MSA Template for DES and FOB

- Offer the industry a harmonized frame for LNG spot transactions (MSA), which reflects the latest evolutions of the industry (including clauses on ESG requirements, commercial arbitrage opportunities, etc.) instead of having various players promote their own MSAs separately;
- The starting point will be the GIIGNL 2011 MSA Template, whereas input of commercial experts and available MSAs in public domain will be used to produce a credible MSA, to be widely accepted by the LNG industry;
- The intention is to publish the new MSA template 2023 on the GIIGNL website, similar to the existing MSA 2011 template



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KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Focus will be on following 10 critical issues (not ranked in priority), to be worked in detail through bilateral sessions

1. Commercial Arbitrage and wilful misconduct and aggregate liability cap



- 2. Failure to deliver/ to take: cap should be market based (liability clause)
- 3. Termination due to Events of Defaults
- 4. ESG / MRV/ GHG Neutral/ Offsetting provisior ❤
- 5. Statement of carbon content ✓
- 6. Transfer of title and risk, in relation to taxes ✓
- 7. Update ABC / AML / Sanction clause ✓
- 8. Safety Vetting of LNG vessels

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- 9. Demurrage: reciprocity in case Seller causing demurrage ("Excess Berth Occupancy" Cost)
- 10. Operational tolerance (quantity settlement in line CN)



Note: other comments from November meeting are logged and will be incorporated in final draft, e.g. fax reference etc)

STRAIGHTFORWARD OTHER ISSUES

Important but less controversial issues will be covered in June (indicated in green)

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GIIGNL MSA Template 2011 - Issue List	
CLAUSE SUBJECT	Items brought up CSG - November 2022
1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION	"Full Cargo Lot" concept vs quantity to be determined in the CN
	Willful Misconduct and link with Failure to supply/take
	GHG content (Greenhouse content)
2. SALE AND PURCHASE	
3. QUANTITY AND UNLOADING SCHEDULE	Operational Tolerance
	"Full Cargo Lot" concept vs quantity to be determined in the CN
4. QUALITY	
5. SHIPPING AND RECEIVING FACILITIES	
6. SHIP MOVEMENT AND UNLOADING	
7. MEASUREMENT, SAMPLING AND TESTING	Add a Vetting Clause
8. TRANSFER OF TITLE AND RISK	Transfer of title
10. TAXES AND CHARGES	Interest rate (eg LIBOR to SOFR)
11. PERMISSIONS AND APPROVALS	
12. FORCE MAJEURE	
13. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	FAILURE BY BUYER OR SELLER
	Willful Misconduct and link with Failure to supply/take
	FTD/FTT LD's: move toward MtM recovery
14. GOVERNING LAW AND ARBITRATION	Update reference to Incoterms
	ICC or LCIA for dispute resolution
	Commercial arbitrage (willful misconduct)
15. SAFETY	
16. TERM	Termination clause and types of events of default
17. GENERAL	Update to the ABC/AML/Trade Controls/US Trade Controls language
	Take out reference to fax and telex (outdated
	Business Practices: include ESG and Sanction Clause (ABC)
	ESG: TBD the merits of introducing ESG focused language
	Sanctions and Anti-Bribery

TIMELINE - A ONE YEAR WORKING GROUP JOB

Scheduled meetings plenary and bilateral sessions

Nov 2022:

General Assembly

- Kick off and support from the Bureau to launch a working group to update the 2011 MSA
- Call for participants between members

January 2023

- Kick off meeting of the working group with 6 members compagnies
- Identification of the 10 main topics to be updated
- Set up of the bilateral groups to spread the provision between the members of the group

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Feb to Sept 2023

- Bilateral and plenary sessions to work the different provisions to be updated.
- Legal review by an external firm before final zation with n the Group
- Detail update during the next CSG meeting

Nov 2023

General Assembly

- Proposal to issue the new updated GIIGNL MSA template
- Available on the GIIGNL's Website open access.



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